

the enclosure in lieu of a brick yard they are hereby authorized to do so.

SEC. 3. That this act shall take effect when ratified and is not to be considered as superceded by any special acts of this general assembly providing for the farming out of any convicts to any other corporations.

Ratified the 12th day of March, A. D. 1877.

CHAPTER CCLXXXVII.

AN ACT TO ALLOT AND DISTRIBUTE THE JUDICIAL POWERS OF THE STATE.

Jurisdiction and power of superior courts, superior court clerks and justices of the peace.

SECTION 1. *The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact*, That the jurisdiction and powers of the superior courts, the clerks of the superior courts, and courts of the justices of the peace, shall be in all respects the same as those granted to and exercised by them respectively, before the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, except as the same may be modified, extended or altered by acts passed at the present session of the general assembly. *Provided*, That no process shall be issued by any justice of the peace to any county other than his own, unless one or more *bona fide* defendants shall reside in, and also one or more *bona fide* defendants shall reside outside, of his county; in which case, only, he may issue process to any county in which any such non-resident defendant resides.

Proviso.

Acts declared valid.

SEC. 2. That all acts done by said courts since the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, which would have been valid if done before the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, are hereby declared valid to all intents and purposes.